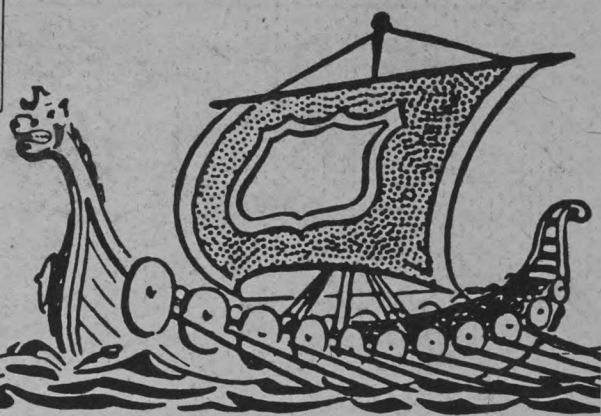


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## ANOTHER ROAD-BLOCK

We have had to give up the option on the parcel of land at 95 Street and 42 Avenue!

So that everyone will be aware of the circumstances which have caused our problems, the following is a copy of the letter which we wrote to City Council; as yet we have not had a reply:

"Mayor and Council,  
City of Edmonton.

We find ourselves in an impossible situation.

The present Scandinavian Centre was built in 1964 after forming a Co-operative and selling shares for eleven years. It was primarily built as a cultural centre for the five Nordic groups — Danish, Finnish, Icelandic, Norwegian and Swedish — and comprised three banquet/meeting rooms which, when not being used by the groups, were rented to the general public as a means of raising enough revenue to pay expenses.

Until the early 1970s the Centre was able to operate successfully in this fashion. As the 70s progressed, however, it became evident that with the escalation of fixed costs and the limited source of revenue, some means had to be found to increase our income.

In 1976 a Development Committee was therefore appointed by the Board of Directors and a great deal of work was done on the investigation of various ways in which our operation might be expanded; an architect was engaged to handle the addition which was subsequently planned to enable us to overcome our problem.

In July, 1977, we applied for a Development Permit. Some weeks later it was refused on the basis that the City of Edmonton would require all our property for the upgrading of the Yellowhead Freeway. Original expansion plans went into the garbage, and the Development Committee was forced to start again at square one — searching for appropriate land.

In August, 1977, we met with the Property Administration Branch with a request for a list of city-owned land which would meet our demands. By that time we had decided that in order to support a cultural centre we would have to have a viable daily food operation, which would mean a Scandinavian dining room, lounge and banquet rooms. We were given a list of three pieces of property, none of which were suitable or our purpose. When we made the same request later that year we received exactly the same list.

We continued to search on our own, but though there were two parcels we felt to be appropriate, we could not at that time finance the purchase.

In early April, 1978, we received a letter from the Property Administration Branch informing us that the City would now need only 1.05 acres which would be removed from the perimeter of our property.

Now we were not only back to square one again — we were also in a position where the urgently-required expansion was no longer possible. Shortly afterwards we made a proposal to the City for the purchase of our entire property, but were refused outright. We could now only mark time.

On July 10, 1978, we were served with Notice of Expropriation. It was felt that the amount stipulated therein to be paid for the land was too low in view of the market value in the area and the detrimental effect on our operation; a higher price was negotiated.

We continued our land search, still handicapped by the lack of finances.

In March, 1979, we inquired whether we might make an exchange for city-owned land in the general central area of the city. The following August we received a reply: there was none available in the defined area.

In April, 1979, having now received payment for the expropriated land from the City, we purchased two lots at 105 Avenue and 104 Street. An architect was again engaged and plans drawn up. Again a Development Permit was refused, this time based on parking requirements. We immediately listed the land for sale.

In June of 1980 our architect brought to our attention a city-owned parcel on 97 Street south of 51 Avenue, and in early July we submitted our application to purchase the property to the City Real Estate Department. The application was passed by the Economic Affairs Committee and was to go before Council on September 29th. On that morning we received a call from Real Estate saying that a new Land Use Bylaw had been passed in July which prohibited our project at that location. The possibility of applying for redistricting was discussed, but the Board decided that we could not afford the kind of delay such a lengthy process would involve, particularly since the outcome was uncertain.

In December, 1980, we were advised by City Real Estate that there was a parcel of land available at 95 Street and 42 Avenue (Strathcona Industrial Park). We liked the location, and on January 9, 1981, submitted our application to purchase.

Also in December an offer to purchase our property was brought to us. Since we realized that we could not possibly continue our present operation, and that we would require a good deal of money to relocate and rebuild, we accepted the offer; possession date is September 1, 1981.

On March 10, 1981, our application to purchase the land at 95 Street and 42 Avenue was approved by City Council. We signed the option agreement, which became effective March 19th, and paid \$93,240.00 plus taxes in the amount of \$10,676.42. Our Building Committee immediately instructed the architect to draw up specifications, the necessary site evaluation was done, and tenders were met with a deadline of May 6th.

On May 5th our application for a Development Permit was refused by the Planning Department. We immediately applied to appeal to the Development Appeal Board but, of course, could not be heard until June 4th, when it was granted.

Between January and May our Finance Committee had been active and it appeared that we would be able to handle the project based on a conservative pro-forma statement, in spite of the enforced delays over a four-year period.

However, the additional month required to appear before the Development Appeal Board, we discovered, now meant additional costs for winter construction which are estimated to be between \$60,000 and \$80,000, and this, combined with the leap in interest rates, has increased our costs to the point that we now find we simply cannot handle it.

We are therefore forced to postpone our building program and must forfeit our option; on June 18th, on month before the closing date, we so informed the Real Estate Department in order that they might have the opportunity of listing it again.

Our Association comprises some 3,000 members; all our directors and committee members are unpaid volunteers. We are wholly self-supporting and will continue to be so.

Since July, 1977, we have met with a great deal of frustration, many delays, and certainly not the smallest effort by any City Department to assist us in finding suitable City-owned land; the resulting enforced changes in plan have been extremely costly with payments to architects, engineers and consultants.

We are and have always been good corporate citizens of Edmonton, and we now find ourselves in a situation not of our making. We have dealt fairly, honestly and in good faith with the City, and we now ask Council to consider refunding to the Scandinavian Centre Co-operative Association the option price of \$93,240.00 plus the taxes paid on the parcel at 95 Street and 42 Avenue.

Yours very truly,  
SCANDINAVIAN CENTRE CO-OPERATIVE ASSOCIATION LIMITED"

We will keep you informed as to the outcome of this matter.

In the meantime the Building Committee has volunteered to search for and bring to the Board at the end of this month options available to us at this time. In the meantime we are renting an office at 17614 - 107 Avenue which will also be headquarters for an intensive share-selling campaign which Jens is in the process of organizing. We will also give you details on progress in that area in the next paper.

### VACATING THE CENTRE ON SEPTEMBER 3

The new owners of the property will be taking possession on September 4th and the present building will be demolished shortly afterwards. It will not be a happy day.

Storage of our furniture and fixtures has been arranged at a facility in Winterburn and we have found temporary homes for the pianos and pictures.

But we will have a new Centre — and we look forward to the support and encouragement we have always received from our shareholders.

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See story on page 2

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The Board of Directors has decided that, despite the expense, the paper will once again go out free of charge to all shareholders; they feel that it is vitally important that ALL shareholders be kept informed on our activities during these difficult times.

Those of you who have already paid for next year's subscription (for which we thank you very much) may write and ask to have your money refunded.

## SPLINTERS FROM THE BOARD

With the mail strike and the apparent backlog of mail to be sorted, we have no idea how long it will take for you to get this paper, and we are indeed sorry that we were not able to mail an August edition in order to keep you up to date.

### CENTRE —

July was a very busy month — and once more we were flooded — the water was up to the first step of the stairs up from the basement. And the mud! The mess it makes is just unbelievable, and it is one which is costly to clean up.

We have had various kitchen problems which the staff has just put up with rather than spend money on expensive repairs at this late date; we thank them all for their patience.

The quarterly financial statement for April, May and June appears on this page.

### NEWSPAPER —

The Board has decided that it is so important to keep all our shareholders informed of 'where we are at' that, although it is very costly, the newspaper will again go out free of charge. Anyone who has prepaid their next year's subscription who wishes to have the money returned should write and let us know; we will certainly refund it.

### HERITAGE DAYS —

Our congratulations and thanks to Susanne Balslov for the well-organized and attractive display and entertainment pavilions, and our thanks to the five groups for their enthusiastic co-operation and participation.

Special thanks, also, to Jens, who spent a very long and hot two days serving all those people with delicious food. His organization of the food pavilion kept people moving through quickly, and with the exception of a couple of minor problems, everything went smoothly.

Our gratitude is also extended to Harv Haugen, whom Susanne 'shanghaied' to act as M.C. (and who does it better?), and to the Scandinavian Centre Folk Dancers from Calgary who added so much to Sunday's entertainment.

And we are all most grateful to the members of the Finnish Society and Sons of Norway who were at Hawrelak Park with the birds on Saturday morning to set up tents

— a miserable job at best.

And to Irene Campbell and Gudrun Bublitz (our Centre accountant) goes our most sincere appreciation — both spent the full two days cashiering in the hot food tent, and did a top job; also to Betty Haugen who filled in as cashier for lunch breaks.

And we even made approximately \$1,000.00!

### CHARTER FLIGHTS —

Flights become more and more difficult each year — but as usual Vera Nielsen made money for the Centre. She has recently submitted a cheque for \$2,000.00 to us. Her constant support over so many years gives us continued encouragement, and we are sincerely grateful.

### BUILDING PROJECT —

Another setback! Surely we are due for a few breaks before too much longer.

The City of Edmonton delayed us for another month by refusing us a Development Permit and making us go to the Development Appeal Board. The result was that we would have had to go into winter construction at an estimated cost of \$60,000 to \$80,000, and combined with the huge increase in interest rates it was the 'straw that broke the camel's back'. The recommendation of the Finance Committee not to go ahead with our option on the City property was discussed at length and finally accepted by the Board. Details appear on the front page.

### PREFERRED SHARES —

You will soon be receiving a letter in the mail which will contain an explanation and a subscription form for these shares.

### FUND-RAISING —

It is vitally important that we raise a substantial amount of money as soon as possible so that we can reduce our financing and thereby the amount of interest we will be paying. In the October paper we will give you an outline of plans in this area.

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# 5TH ANNUAL CELEBRATION

by Astrid Hope

Intermittent rain showers didn't dampen the spirits of approximately fifty members and friends who assembled at Lac St. Cyr for Solglyt's annual St. Hans Fest on the June 20-21 weekend — for the fifth consecutive year at the Andersons' resort.

Competition was hot on Saturday in the horse-shoe pitching and the fishing derbies, and the trophies were won by:

- |                               |                                                               |
|-------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|
| Men's horse-shoes             | — Dale McBride & Peter Hansen                                 |
| Ladies' horse-shoes           | — Kay Olafson & Elaine Carter                                 |
| Men's single horse-shoe       | — Harry Huser                                                 |
| Most fish caught by a lady    | — Shirley Morsch (10)                                         |
| Most fish caught by a man     | — Dennis Douglas (3)                                          |
| Most fish caught by a child   | — Ann-Marit Johnson (5)<br>(didn't she win it last year too?) |
| Largest fish caught by a lady | — Evelyn Johnson (2½ lbs.)                                    |
| Largest fish caught by a man  | — Mark Veis (3 lbs.)                                          |

Special activities were organized for the young-fry by Gary Johnson.

As usual, pancakes and sausages were served each morning, with Eleanor Anderson and Don Carter doing the honours. The barbecue was the evening highlight; participants supplied the dessert and goodies, and the Lodge supplied the trimmings.

Unfortunately, and for the first time, the traditional bonfire was rained out by 9:00 p.m. Freeloaders Gary Johnson and Harry Huser were on hand to supply the musical merriment for a sing-song.

A hearty thanks to the Andersons — members all look forward to next year's St. Hans Fest.



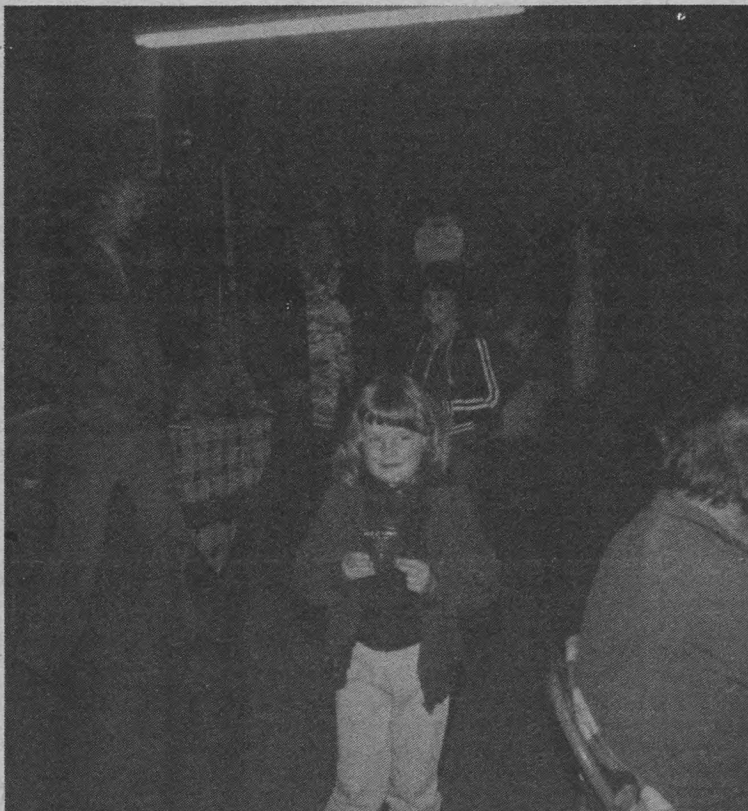
Dale McBride and Peter Hansen — winners of men's horseshoe competition



Gary Johnson and his "children"



Elaine Carter and Kay Olafson — winners of ladies' horseshoe competition



Ann Marit Johnson — winner of "most fish caught by a child"

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## CULTURAL CORNER

by Astrid Hope,  
Cultural Director,  
Solglyt Lodge, Sons of Norway

The Freeloaders who participated were Wally Broen, Harry Huser, Odd Espeland and Henry Undheim.

On June 6th the Freeloaders helped to celebrate Sweden's National Day at the Ikea grounds, on invitation by the Royal Swedish Consul, Lars Falhstrom.

Commencing at noon there was music, maypole dancing (following the parade of the Maypole across the grounds), and games. Speeches by Lieutenant-Governor Frank Lynch-Staunton and Consul Lars Fahlstrom were followed by the traditional flag ceremony, with both Swedish and Canadian flags being raised while Mrs. R. Nelsen sang both National Anthems.

Vasa Lodge President, Ray Nyroos, was the Master of Ceremonies, and free refreshments and flags were supplied by Ikea.

To a packed church basement on May 26th Bea Huser and Astrid Hope displayed Norwegian crafts and artifacts at Westminster United Church for their Ladies' Dessert Party, to which other congregations had been invited. Bea showed some very interesting slides, and the audience was very appreciative.

Hands clapped and feet tapped to the rhythmical music of the Freeloaders when they entertained at Jubilee Lodge Nursing home on the evening of July 2nd. Numerous compliments were given, along with the request that they return soon.

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## SOLGLYT SPOTLIGHT

by Molly Cooper

Else Duff, Gail's cousin from Edinburgh, Scotland, visited the Doug Peterson home from July 4th to 24th. On a trip to the mountains they did considerable hiking.

A revised membership list is now available. Contact President Jan Burt if you haven't received yours.

Bob Burt's sister, Margaret Robson of Kelowna, B.C., visited the Burts early in July when a reunion of the Burt family — Ken and Delia Burt of Edmonton, and Lorie and Ron Voloshin of Crossfield, with their family also visiting — took place.

Sympathy goes to the members of the Faltinson family on the passing of their mother, grandmother and great grandmother, Hanna Marie Faltinson.

Leif Erickson night will be celebrated on Saturday, October 17th at the Faculty Club, University of Alberta. For further information call Ken Domier — 434-6532.

Ken and Viola Reitan are busy working on a Family Book.

Visiting with Ardis and Gordon Hafso, and Min and Stan Hafso, were long-time friends Penny and Glenn Myhre from Austin, Minnesota. While here they enjoyed Torske Klubben guest night. They are members of Sons of Norway Sorting No. 519.

"Dreamer, Reach for a Distant Star", a new musical fantasy with story, lyrics and music by Scott Hafso played at the Centennial Library on June 12th through 14th to an almost sell-out crowd.

Here to enjoy the play were Kirsten, Scott's sister, as well as Donna Fisher and Jerry Hagedorn, long-time friends of Ardis and Gordon Hafso.

Min and Stan Hafso motored to Saskatchewan in June, visiting Min's sister Mabel and her husband, Hugh Mahood, and family in Regina, as well as Min's aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Johnson at Moose Jaw, who recently returned from a trip to Norway. They returned by way of Calgary where they visited grandchildren and son Trev and his wife Karen.

They are motored to Kelowna to visit Stan's sister Gladys and husband Bert Evans.

Ardis and Gordon Hafso enjoyed a trip to Banff, then went on to visit friends in Seattle, Washington.

Andrew Berdahl vacationed in Osoyoos, B.C., in June and part of July while his parents, Carol and Gordon, spent time at Gull Lake.

This seems to be the year for weddings in the Hafso families:

On June 27th Rita Greenwood, daughter of Bruce and Yvonne Greenwood of Kinsella, Alberta, and Brent Hafso, son of Jewel and Arnold Hafso of Viking, were married at Golden Valley Lutheran Church in Viking.

On August 21st Judy Pearson, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. V. Pearson, and Marc Hafso, son of Ardis and Gordon Hafso, were married at St. Luke's Lutheran Church in Edmonton.

A surprise pre-birthday party for Molly Cooper with former school pals present, was held at Viking on June 5th hosted by her brother John and wife Rita, co-hostess being her sister Harriet Shaver of Edmonton. Another party was held on June 7th, Molly's 70th birthday, at the home of her neice and nephew,

Carol and Larry McKill, in Edmonton. The family room and patio were decorated with balloons and streamers, coloured clowns adorned the napkins, and busy little helpers were grand-nephews Neil and Colin McKill. Thirty-five relatives and friends enjoyed a delicious luncheon prepared by Carol and Larry. After a sing-song Dave McKill, Molly's brother-in-law, presented her with cards, a money tree and other gifts. She was told that the tree came from her birthplace, Viking. It was truly a day to remember.

Mr. and Mrs. Leiv Vidar from Honefoss, Norway, visited with Nels and Irene Hovde on their way to Alaska recently.

Jennifer Kristensen received a \$600.00 study grant from the Sons of Norway Foundation, Canada. Jennifer is attending Camp Norway this summer in Oslo, Norway.

Sandra and Per Nielsen and family visited Sandra's sister in Yellowknife recently.

Evelyn and Gary Johns and family holidayed in British Columbia, going on to Delmas, Saskatchewan, for Evelyn's family reunion.

Visiting the Gary Johnsons during July were Evelyn's sister and her husband, Georgette and Matt Taylor, along with their family, from Jordan, Ontario.

Harv Haugen and son Tom attended Unge Venner Health and Sports Camp at Hatzic, B.C.

Glen Huser and son Casey spent two weeks holidaying in Kamloops and Vancouver. Glen attended the Shaw festival at Niagara-on-the-Lake in July.

Harry and Bea Huser have been spending a lot of time at Ashmont, Alberta, where Harry is helping to build a house for Bea's mother, Oleana Daily.

Edith and Cliff Johnson visited friends and relatives in Moose Jaw and Regina. Edith's sister, Mae Tetlock and husband from Norquay, Saskatchewan, were here visiting for a few days.

Gary and Evelyn Johnson attended the wedding of Evelyn's brother in Delmas, Saskatchewan, on July 3rd.

Barbara Broen, daughter of Wally and Betty Broen, has just completed a very successful season in track and field for McNally High School. At the City High School Track Meet Barbara placed first in the 80-meter hurdles, the 200-meter sprint and the high jump in the intermediate girls class. Her times in the races set new city records in these events. The following week at the Provincial High School Track and Field Meet in St. Albert, Barbara again placed first in the 80-meter hurdles, shaving one-tenth of a second from the existing provincial record.

Her relay team, which was assembled for the meet and was made up of girls from several high schools, came first in the 4x100 meter relay, also establishing a new provincial record.

Wally Broen made a trip to the Yukon during the summer. Four light airplanes, three built by amateurs, made a six-day tour, visiting Watson Lake, Whitehorse and Dawson City. Although none of the group of eight discovered any gold (other than in jewellery stores), they reported that the entertainment in Dawson City was first-class.



## STOCK POT NEWS

BY JENS NORGAARD GRON

July was one of those months that it is easier to look back on than be in the middle of. We sure had our ups and downs.

July 14th stands out vividly as The Day of The Flood. The staff stood by and helplessly watched the water level out on the Yellowhead Trail plummet as the wet stuff seeped through every crack and crevice downstairs. 85 people were on hand, the ladies in lovely long dresses, the men in tuxedos, waiting to be served in the Nordic Room. Tables complete with white table cloths, porcelain, silverware, flowers and candles stood like islands in a sea of mud and water. It was quite a sight.

Staff came scrambling from all corners of the city, crawling over fences and wading through knee-deep mud in order to help out. But after a game of musical chairs, everyone could settle down to the business of eating and enjoying themselves. The line-up outside the staff washroom was long and the trip through the parking lot precarious, but everyone remained in good spirits and none the worse for the experience. A large group up in the Viking Room vacated for a neighbouring hotel, leaving room for the guests from the Nordic Room to party in drier surroundings.

The next day, a huge hole showed up by the storm sewer in the parking lot. 8 feet deep and 4 feet wide, it took a bit of gravel to fill it up. Now the drain is plugged. Please, no more rain until September...

The Klondike Dance was a huge success again this year — 20 people tried bravely to fill the Viking Room. If there was to be a next time, I think we would use the office instead. At the rate support is dwindling for this function, the guests would surely be able to fit around one coffee table in 1982.

And now for an up! Heritage Days — gorgeous weather, lots of people, lots of fun. In two days 7,000 hungry souls gobbled 1200 lbs. of food, washing it down with 3000 glasses of pop and 3000 cups of coffee. We had a revenue of 8400 dollars and a profit of about 1000 but the main thing was the satisfaction of the many people we served. That kind of advertising is priceless.

The fire department does not like the hotel we have been running on our land downtown. We went down there armed with plywood, nails and a hammer to board the old warehouse up. Seeing our Indian guests were not paying any rent, they graciously vacated the premises, but probably not for long. A good thing we don't have any plans for moving in there ourselves. The toilet facilities are horrendous.

It will be with mixed feeling that we will watch the Centre be torn down on Sept. 3. A lot of frustrations will disappear with it but also a lot of good memories. And poor Mack's Trucks. They will have to find a new parking lot for their semi-trailers. Anybody want a homeless gopher?

## ICELANDIC LANGUAGE & CULTURAL CAMP REORGANIZED

(from "Logberg-Heimskringla")

The annual Icelandic Language and Cultural Camp is traditionally a week of activities organized around the theme of Icelandic and Icelandic-Canadian culture, and in the past has been open to anyone aged six years and up who is interested in the Icelandic heritage. This year, however, two separate Camps will be held, both at Sunrise Camp in Husavik, Manitoba.

The first Camp will be from July 24th to July 27th and will be open to teenagers of Grade 8 level and older; the second will be from July 27th to July 31st and be open to younger campers only. Despite the

shorter time span, the Camps will hopefully be more productive and exciting because the separation of

age groups will result in much more concentrated and selective activities.



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# FINNISH FOOTNOTES

by Anja Sahuri

A surprise bridal shower was held in honor of ULLA VESALAINEN on May 20th by Mrs. Sirkka Nahkuri and Mrs. Rita Vagovics. The bride-to-be received many beautiful gifts during the evening, and the delicious lunch prepared by the hostesses was really enjoyed by all.

Congratulations and Best Wishes to Ulla and Wolfgang Jordan, who were married on May 30th, 1981 at Augustana Lutheran Church. Reception was held at Scandinavian Centre. All the best to you both.

Our deepest sympathies are expressed to the family of Impi Honka, who passed away on May 17th, 1981.

A surprise Birthday Party was held in honor of Toini Virtanen recently; many friends and relatives came to wish her a Happy Birthday on that special occasion. Visitors included Toini's Aunt and Sister from Finland. Flowers, cards, gifts and telegrams were presented to her. Mr. John Rama presented the gift on behalf of her friends in Edmonton. Songs and a happy mood continued throughout the evening and everyone enjoyed the good food that was served. Many happy returns of the day to you Toini.

The annual Juhannus-picnic was held at Hanmore Lake on June 23 to 25. About sixty people attended and the weather was beautiful, at least part of the time. Games of darts, horseshoe and lawn darts seemed to be the favourites. Too bad the prizes were only presented to winners of dart games - I thought I was pretty good in the horse-shoe game. The trophy for the biggest fish - highlight of the picnic - went to Lisa Karvonen — Congratulations, Lisa. Also congratulations to winners of the dart games - honestly. Songs were sung by the bonfire in the evening - and I hope that we can have such a good picnic at another time yet. It was great - wasn't it?

Congratulations to Markku and Connie-Anne Erkvaara on the arrival of their little daughter recently, a sister for Gregory.

I wish to thank all my friends and relatives for the beautiful party that they arranged in my honor. Thank You to the Finnish Society for the flowers, and many thanks to everyone for flowers, cards and gifts which I received during my birthday. Special thanks to those who arranged the party.

Sincerely - Toini Virtanen.

Thank You to Pirkko and Marjatta for the donation to the Finnish Society in memory of your Mother, Impi Honka.

Sincerely - Executive

The Executive also wishes to thank FINNAIR for the annual Skiing trophies donated to Finnish Society, they are greatly appreciated.

Recent visitors to the City were Pastor and Mrs. Palola from Finland, and Aino Soini from Vancouver. During their stay here, they spoke at Augustana Lutheran Church.

## VERA NIELSEN DOES IT AGAIN!

Vera is as regular as the clock each year with the Charter Flights, no matter what difficulties she encounters in arranging Scandinavian flights. While we all know that there is a lot of work involved, I don't think any of us really are aware of the number of hours Vera puts in on our behalf. Our bank account has been increased by \$2,000.00 — the amount of the cheque which she recently turned over to us - and we thank Vera sincerely.

# SCANDINAVIAN KITCHEN CORNER

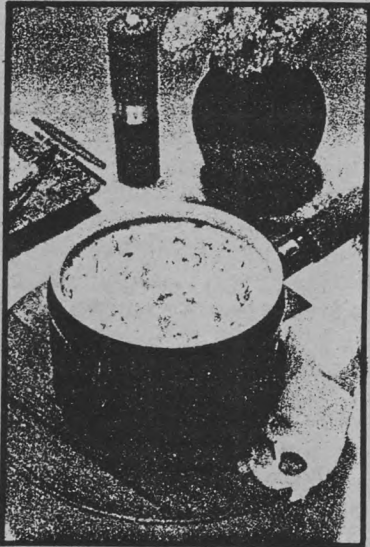
## Finntastic soup

### "Finntastinen"

4 servings

- 2 tablespoons butter or margarine
- 1/4 cup chopped onion
- 1/4 cup minced ham
- 1 can (10 1/2 ounces) condensed cream of potato soup
- 1 soup can milk
- 1/8 teaspoon dill weed
- 1 cup shredded Swiss cheese

In saucepan, melt butter. Add onion and ham and cook until onion is tender. Gradually blend in soup and milk. Heat, stirring occasionally, until soup is hot. Do not boil. Add dill. Garnish each serving with cheese.



Finntastic soup

## Danish apple soup

### Aeblesuppe

4 servings

- 5 medium apples, unpeeled
- 4 cups water
- 1/2 teaspoon grated lemon rind
- 2 tablespoons cornstarch
- 1/4 cup cold water
- 1/2 cup white wine
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 1 teaspoon cinnamon

Quarter apples, simmer in water with grated lemon rind for 5 minutes; strain. Add cornstarch which has been dissolved in cold water, stirring constantly. Add wine, sugar, and cinnamon; simmer 5 minutes. Serve hot or cold.

## Skansk cabbage soup

### Skånsk kålsoppa

4 servings

- 1 small (about 1 pound) smoked pork shoulder
- 6 cups water
- 1 bay leaf
- 5 peppercorns
- 5 allspice berries
- 1 small head cabbage (about 1 pound), shredded
- 2 medium carrots, sliced
- 4 medium potatoes, cut into 1/2" cubes
- 2 scallions, sliced
- 1 teaspoon salt
- Dash pepper
- Chopped parsley

In a saucepan, bring the water to a boil, add the pork and reduce heat. Skim off fat. Add bay leaf, peppercorns and allspice; simmer about 30 minutes. Add vegetables; cook until tender. Remove pork and cut into pieces. Return to soup. Add pepper and salt. Sprinkle with parsley before serving.

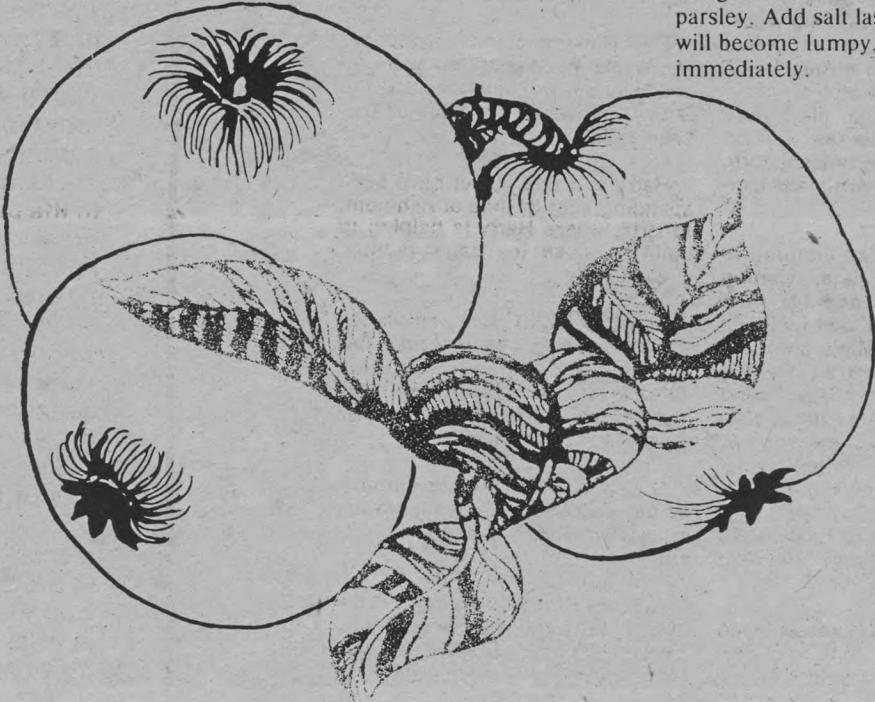
## Finnish summer soup

### Kesäkeitto

6 to 8 servings

- 2 1/2 cups water
- 1 tablespoon sugar
- 2 1/2 cups milk
- 1 (10 ounce) package frozen peas
- 1/2 head cauliflower, cut into flowerets
- 1 medium carrot, diced
- 5 small potatoes, peeled and quartered
- 1 egg yolk
- 2 tablespoons margarine or butter
- 1 tablespoon chopped chervil or parsley
- Salt to taste

In a large saucepan, bring water and sugar to a boil. Add the milk, peas, cauliflower, carrot and potatoes; simmer 10-15 minutes, or until vegetables are tender. Stir 2-3 tablespoons of hot soup into beaten egg yolk, then return to soup. Stir in margarine and chervil or parsley. Add salt last or soup will become lumpy. Serve immediately.



## LOCAL LIFE INSURANCE AGENT ATTENDS INTERNATIONAL SALES SEMINAR



Sigurd Sorenson

SIGURD A. SORENSON, C.L.U., a resident of EDMONTON, ALBERTA and a ZURICH LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY OF CANADA agent, will be among an anticipated 5,500 members of the Million Dollar Round Table (MDRT) gathering in New York City, June 21 to 25. Members of this exclusive life insurance sales association will be attending the organization's 54th Annual Meeting. Thirty-nine countries around the world will be represented, making the MDRT meeting the most comprehensive sales forum in the life insurance industry.

During the five-day meeting, more than 75 professional speakers will be discussing subjects of vital concern to those in the life insurance field. Experts in such areas as estate planning, taxes, inflation and law will be sharing their knowledge in the series of intense seminars.

## IN MEMORY OF IMPI HONKA

Mrs. Impi Karoliina Honka was born on July 25, 1916 at Pyhtaa, Finland and she passed away on May 17, 1981, in Edmonton, Alberta.

She leaves to mourn two daughters, Mrs. Albert (Pirkko) Karvonen of Sherwood Park and Mrs. Paul (Mary) Karvonen of Edmonton and their families, two brothers, Kalevi and Heino Hakkinen in Finland. She was predeceased by her husband Eero, Jan. 9, 1976 and brother, Reino in 1971. Memorial service was held on May 22, 1981 at Augustana Lutheran Church with Pastor James Kruger officiating.

Mr. and Mrs. Honka and their daughters left Finland and arrived in Edmonton in the fall of 1951 as did so many others during the same year. Loneliness for homeland, strange language and lack of old friends prompted all these newcomers to get together, and thus the Finnish Society was formed. Both Eero and Impi Honka were among the organizing members of the Finnish Society of Edmonton and they served in many capacities throughout the years.

Impi Honka also served on the executive for many years, and she will be remembered for her hard work and friendliness by all those who were close to her. She was also widely known for her expertise in tailoring and sewing - show me a person who has not asked for Impi's advice one time or another during these thirty years and I will show you a person who did not know her. She will be long remembered by her friends as one of those people who rarely spoke anything bad about a fellow human being. She was very well liked by her friends and will be missed by them for years to come. She was also a kind mother and grandmother who will be sadly missed by Pirkko and Mary, their husbands and six grandchildren: Lisa, Ben, Vireo, Robin, Ava and Downy.

"Siell' ei itkun aanta kuulla. Valitusta vaivaisen. Silla Veisaa riemusuulla, pelastettu syntinen. Silla harput helajaapi, uusi virsi kajahtaa, siella sielut ylistaapi Herran suurta kunniaa."



## Accordion Festival in Norway

by Olaf Sveen

This summer Eva and I were lucky enough to be able to go to the big accordion festival in Norway, called "Landsfestivalen" in Norwegian. Personally I got some help from The Alberta Department of Culture to go there, and I am very thankful.

Headquarters for the festival was at Sundvolden Hotel by Tyrifjorden, and the competitions were held at Samfunnshuset in Honefoss.

There were competitions in many categories: for soloists, orchestras, jazz, chamber music and old-time.

A quartet from Trondelag, won the first prize in old-time playing, they called themselves "Ha att grinda" or in English: "Shut the gate". Brith Laila Ouff got first prize in the elite class for soloists. There were five judges, and the score-cards from the judge with the highest and from the judge with the



Eva Sveen presenting Alberta souvenir flag to Arild Formoe



Eva Sveen, Aage and Astrid Grundstad

lowest score were not used, only the three in between. That way none of the judges could try and help one of his favourites, or hurt someone he did not like.

Eva and I were also lucky enough to be guests of honour at the Festival dinner at Sundvolden June 20. I had brought some flags from Canada, and Eva presented a Canadian souvenir flag to Sigurd Johan-

nesen, the president of the Norwegian Accordionists Association, and the Alberta flag to Arild Formoe, who helped to arrange the festival in co-operation with his wife Elfrid and the Accordionists Association. Eva had to speak "norsk" over the microphone when she presented the flags, but it went well.

The Accordionists Association had rented practically the whole Sundvolden Hotel, and a person could hear accordion music from the windows practically all night, with the dancing lasting till about five o'clock in the morning. Afterwards we went to Samfunnshuset in Honefoss and listened to accordion music all day. We had a wonderful time.

## ICELANDIC NEWSLETTER

by Ninna Campbell

An executive meeting was held at the home of Solli and Shirley Sigurdson at which plans for the Markerville Picnic were finalized. Special attraction this year will be the "Skagfirski Songsveitin" — we welcome them and hope they enjoy their visit to Alberta.

Plans for the fall season were formulated, the first of which will be a barbecue at Little Acres and a visit to the Robyn Hood Stables where the Icelandic horses are kept. Watch for a newsletter from Solli and/or phone call from the phoning committee.

Because of the sale of the Scandinavian Centre we will have to find other accommodation for future functions until the new Centre is built.

Leif Oddson request help for

Heritage Days.

A letter from Lorna Tergesen was read thanking the Society for its donation to the Icelandic Language Camp at Husavik, Manitoba.

The next meeting will be at Ruth and Chris MacNaughton's on September 9th at 7:30 p.m.

Elva Simundson's book "Icelandic Settlers in America" is now available from the publisher: Queenston House, 102 Queenston Street, Winnipeg. The price is \$6.95 (paper-back) and \$10.95 (hard cover).

Our sympathy is extended to the Hillman family in Eckville, Alberta, on the loss of Cliff Hillman.

Walter Arason is at home

recovering from a very serious injury he sustained when he fell on an exposed plumbing pipe; he suffered damage to his ribs and lungs. Speedy recovery wishes from all of us, Walter!

Lucille Oddson has returned from a holiday in Sweden; she was accompanied by her mother, Mrs. Rousseau of Winnipeg.

Joyce Gray of Winnipeg was recent visitor at the home of Shirley and Solli Sigurdson; she attended her daughter's graduation exercises while she was there.

Gunnar Thorvaldson paid a very brief visit to Edmonton, stopping long enough to visit daughters Carla and Cindy.

## CULTURE AND TRADITION

It is estimated that over 250,000 people enjoyed the two beautiful sunny days in Hawrelak Park the long weekend in August, where 42 ethnic pavilions were set up to provide an insight into the traditions and culture of each.

A lot of very hard work goes into this weekend. As Chairperson of the Heritage Days Committee, Susanne Balslov has been busy since the beginning of the year — and the result were evident!

We had a very good location for the amount of space we need, and being close to the lake provided us with a little bit of a cooling breeze, which was very welcome on those hot days.

Our eye-catching banners were all raised high and could be seen for some distance. The display tent was beautifully arranged with colourful table covers and extremely attractive displays manned by members from all the groups dressed in national costume (and those in themselves are worth seeing).

Our perennial 'Viking', Pentti

Sipari, just about melted away in the heat, but he stuck it out both days.

Our food pavilion boasted two sections — delectable pastries, and hot meals; on Sunday we served a choice of filet of sole with remoulade; meat balls and red cabbage; and medistepse with Norwegian sauerkraut, but by the end of the day the sole was all gone and had to be removed from Monday's menu.

Cooking went on at the Centre for the full two days, and the van went back and forth continually replenishing supplies.

No one had anticipated the demand, and we had to buy a 7-11 store out of paper plates at one point!

Pictures were not available in time for this paper, but we will have a good selection next month for those of you who couldn't be there.

We can all be justifiably proud of our contribution to Heritage Days this year.

## VASA LODGE SKANDIA

by Don Samuelson

I would like to say I was on holidays in May, which is as good an excuse as any I've had for missing an article.

On May 19th Skandia Lodge lost a very dedicated and dear member of our Lodge - Eric Engvall. At the last meeting draping of the charter took place, with a very well written obituary delivered by Linnea Lodge. As the many things that Eric did were mostly taken for granted, may he rest in peace and with honour.

The last meeting was a great success with a turnout of approximately 80 people; a dance for the curling club followed. The next day a fine steak dinner was served by the Hokanson family; our thanks to them and to all those who helped.

The following weekend the Ladies' Aid put on the Country Store and Strawberry Shortcake affair. With everyone eating shortcake it's a wonder nobody bought the blow-up sauna shorts for losing weight! To all who participated - thank you very much.

The grade beam for the extension to the hall has been constructed and the lumber work is to begin shortly.

The fifth annual Tennis Tournament and Dance will be held at Vasa Park on August 1st.

June and July were a very full couple of months. Mid-Summer festival was rained out, much to the disappointment of a group of

Lodge members from Buford who arrived at the lake in their Viking ships ready to make our celebration a grand affair.

The convention held in Camrose by Norden 513 was most enjoyable, and all our members who attended were greatly appreciative of the Norden members, who are only a handful. On behalf of Skandia Lodge I would like to commend them on their fine and dedicated effort on behalf of the Vasa Order of America in recognizing 50 years for the Alberta District No. 18.

The Land Committee hosted a dance on July 4th which proved to be both profitable and especially enjoyable for the older group who attended. The music was more suited for a person who had a right and a left foot and knew where to put them. Thanks to the Land Committee for a beautiful lunch and a wonderful time.

The next day was a brunch of pea soup and Swedish pancakes, but by the time I got down there only pancakes were left to be had. For me that was enough, though, as they were as good as they were filling. The general consensus was "very good and especially the pea soup".

The addition to the new hall is right on schedule, the roof is on and shingled and we now just have to wait for the windows. As with any building, material costs have gone up so more funding is needed.

The July meeting was run by the junior members, who did a fine job.

## JUNE GENERAL MEETING

The general meeting of The Sons of Norway was called June 4th at the Scandinavia Centre, and was very well attended. At this meeting the Norwegian recipe book was discussed, and it was felt that an up-to-date cookbook could be sold through the membership.

The Lac St. Cyr weekend for St. Hans Fest was discussed and a good turnout was anticipated. A full program of fishing, nail-pounding and horse-shoe competition would be culminated with the presentation of prizes Sunday; the barbecue supper Saturday followed by the St. Hans Fest bonfire, would carry on the traditional Annual Norse ceremony.

Knut Svidal was present to give his report on the successful Syt-

tende Mai Ball held May 15th at the Royal Glenora Club. Those present enjoyed the entertainment, and a profit of \$16.05 was realized.

New members voted on included Garth Travis, Ilmi & Ivor Hoyem, Shirley and Edward, and son Floyd, Tjostheim, Conrad and Jill Johnson, Bruce and Wendy Hubble, and Jarl Omholt-Jensen. Welcome aboard!

Gary Johnson approached the membership with the idea that the Freeloaders make a record of their orchestra, suggesting that money be made available to cover expenses, to be paid back on the sale of records. All agreed that the Freeloaders were well known enough, and that sponsorship and backing should be provided.



OPERATING STATEMENT FOR THE MONTH OF  
APRIL, MAY AND JUNE, 1981

|                                      |           |           |
|--------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| REVENUES                             |           |           |
| Banquets                             | 57,672.41 |           |
| Discount Re Ethnic Groups            | (505.45)  |           |
| Corkage                              | 6,833.73  |           |
| Meetings                             | 1,755.50  |           |
| Staff Purchases                      | 340.18    |           |
| Miscellaneous Income                 | 861.08    |           |
| Cigarette Income                     | 180.95    |           |
| Outside Catering                     | 983.50    | 68,121.90 |
| COST OF REVENUES                     |           |           |
| Food Purchase                        | 23,160.74 |           |
| Soft Drink Purchase                  | 686.00    |           |
| Salaries - Administration            | 3,300.00  |           |
| Salaries - Maint.                    | 2,850.00  |           |
| Salaries - Kitchen                   | 16,071.40 |           |
| Taxes                                | 42.00     |           |
| Workers Compensation Board           | 11.32     |           |
| Bank Charges                         | 61.19     |           |
| Interest Rec. Re Savings & Term Dep. | 1,835.92  |           |
| Office Exp.                          | 53.98     |           |
| Stationery                           | 258.27    |           |
| Garbage & Ground Maint.              | 298.00    |           |
| Janitor Supplies                     | 526.17    |           |
| Equipment & Repair                   | 64.00     |           |
| Utilities                            | 2,125.74  |           |
| Telephone                            | 1,196.16  |           |
| Linen Rental                         | 2,581.22  |           |
| Misc. Kitchen Supplies               | 1,451.27  |           |
| Postage                              | 99.00     |           |
| Sundry Exp.                          | 238.80    |           |
| Van Lease                            | 930.00    |           |
| Gas & Repair for Van                 | 379.15    |           |
| Depreciation for 3 Month             | 3,908.64  | 58,457.13 |
| Total Profit for 3 Month             |           | 9,664.77  |

NORSE DIRECTOR  
HONOURED

by Bob Burt



Sigurd Ansness

Rev. Sigurd Ansness and his wife, Asbjorg, of Verdal, Norway, were most welcome guests at Sons of Norway's meeting Friday, June 4th. Sigurd is the director of the Historical Norwegian Play, "Olsak", performed annually at the site of the Battle of Stiklistad, and is a Lutheran minister in Verdal Mear Stiklistad. His pictures and tapes were shown in Seattle and New Westminster, and he came to Edmonton to tell of the play and show slides. Last year was the 950th Jubilee Year since the death of King Olav: Norway's royal family attended this celebration. Anders Anderson introduced the guests, having visited the area and asking Sigurd to come to Edmonton and show scenes from the play.

The play depicts life in Norway in 1030 at which time King Olav, state builder, law-maker, promoter of culture and religion, was killed in the Battle of Stiklistad. The play portrayed two miracles: by a drop of his blood, sight was restored to an old man, and sanity to a young maid. Because of his promotion of Christianity and because of the miracles, he was made a saint, a religious symbol, worshipped in Scandinavia and throughout Europe.

Rev. Sigurd Ansness and his wife spoke to the members telling stories and speaking of the medallions which were struck honouring the 950th Jubilee Year. Those present were enlightened by the historical event and were delighted by the humour contained in his stories. An honourarium was presented to Rev. Ansness for his work in preserving heritage, his visit to America, and his talk with the members here.

Lunch was provided by social director, Dorothy Sundby, which included those delectable calorie-filled delights that everyone thoroughly enjoyed. Meetings like this are an inspiration and a welcome change for the membership.

SCANDINAVIAN CENTRE NEWS . . .  
OPERATING STATEMENT FOR 6 MONTH

|                           |          |            |
|---------------------------|----------|------------|
| REVENUES                  |          |            |
| Subscription Income       | 575.50   |            |
| Advertising               | 655.00   | 1,230.50   |
| COST OF REVENUES          |          |            |
| Misc. Office & Stationery | 101.24   |            |
| Postage                   | 610.44   |            |
| Publishing Cost           | 3,290.00 | 4,001.68   |
| TOTAL LOSS FOR 6 MONTH    |          | (2,771.18) |

TORSKE KLUBBEN  
GRANDE FINALE

The long awaited evening came June 9th at the Scandinavian Centre when Torske Klubben members played host to the ladies. Tables were decorated with bouquets of peonies and daisies for the occasion.

Over 175 members and guests sat to that lovely torske (black cod), served as well as akvavit, each table held beer and wine — added attractions.

Following the feast, toasts were proposed to the Queen and King of Norway, and the toast to the ladies proposed by Ken Domier was answered by Betty Haugen.

Initiation ceremonies were held for new members, Wally Rogers, Sven Johnson and Joel Jensen, all of whom agreed with Klubben requirements: tell a story; serve as toastmaster if asked; maintain membership in Sons of Norway; attend and support Sons of Norway programs. If a member misses 3 consecutive supper meetings without good reason he is dropped from the membership.

Gary Johnson and Harry Huser spoke on Summer Language Camp — what it means to Torske members and Sons of Norway. Janette Burt S/N President spoke on behalf of the club; jesting that there were only two types of people, those who were Norwegian, and those who wish they were. It was stated that meetings following the summer recess will be announced far enough in advance that all might attend. The September Torske Klubben meeting will be held the first Tuesday at the new Army, Navy and Airforce Club.

The entertainment portion of the meeting was handed over to Harv

Haugen, who introduced Vic Elverum, one of our own members, who sang "Always Remember" and for an encore "If I Could Have This Dance for the Rest of my Life". To the delight of the audience he later sang a Norwegian song "Need Elvin".

Next Harv introduced the "Sounds Familiar" a ladies' quartet, which included Sandie Kerr, Hilda Rae, Sheryl Brook and Marie MacDonald. They sang "Remember the Days"; "If" and "Show Boat"; finishing with that all time favourite "Amazing Grace". They were very well received.

Harv Haugen then recited a portion of an old Irish prayer:

Take time to work, it is the price of success,  
Take time to think, it is the source of power,  
Take time to play, it is the secret of perpetual youth,  
Take time to read, it is the foundation of wisdom,  
Take time to love and be loved, it is the privilege of the Gods,  
Take time to laugh, it is the music of the soul.

Members of the Freeloaders, with their latest addition Henry Undheim, entertained at the dance which followed, inducing many to join in and dance. Ole Hovind and his wife lead off in "The Hambo" and dancing went on for the rest of the evening.

It is too bad that this, one of the most memorable of Torske Klubben meetings, was the last one to be held in the Scandinavian Centre. Let's all get together for the next meeting at the Army, Navy and Airforce Club, 17010 - 103 Avenue, September 1st; Cocktails at 6:00 p.m., dinner at 6:30.

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# STORE TROEN (CONTINUED FROM THE JUNE ISSUE)

Again referring to Siri's story; from Quebec the emigrants travelled by a coach, hooked to a freight train, to Sarnia, Mich. Siri then said they got on a boat to cross Lake Michigan, but the train must have also taken them first across the state of Michigan, perhaps to Muskegon, where they boarded the boat to Milwaukee. Siri went on to say, "that they were next taken to Brekker by train and then to Store Troen and they were near the end of their journey".

Further research leads us to speculate that 'Brekker' was really the town of Bracket, Wis. This thought was mentioned to Roy and he came up with the following information. "Most settlers coming into this area arrived by boat at Trempealeau, or at that time (1866) came overland to Sparta, then followed the ridges until they saw a ¼ section that they wanted, but they (the Brenningens) could have gone from Milwaukee (where the emigrants from Quebec usually came) and headed farther north across the state."

There were no railroads further up from Tomah in this part of the state in 1866. There was a Line running into La Crosse but it came along the river.

So the Brenningens could have gotten far enough north to have gotten on a stage line that ran from Green Bay to Nielsville, then through the pine woods to a horse exchange run by the Coon brothers at what is now Foster, then a few miles north to the Parker House at Bracket. It was a well-known stopping place and connected with the Price Stage Line that ran from Hudson, with a stop in Eau Claire, and on to Sparta.

It took a whole day from Eau Claire to Sparta and the price was 2... whole dollars...

The stage stopped at the Beef River Station near Osseo, usually known back in 1852-53 as 'Bed Bug Station'.

Well now, one way or another we have followed our family all the way from Toen, Norway to Sumner (Strum) Wisconsin. Now the question is, why Strum in the Bruce Valley? Further speculation lead us to think that Ole, Berit's first-born son, had for some reason preceded his step-father, Mother and half brother and sister here, and found this place to settle and wrote back and told of its wonders, thus prompting the rest to follow. His earlier arrival has been substantiated by the records at Hamar. He left Norway on April 1, 1861.



In an attempt to determine why Ole decided on this area, the most likely answer, I thought, was that he may have been in the United States at an early enough date to have served in the Civil War, thus making him eligible to have received land from the government, or a pension. A check with the National Archives in Washington told only that there were no records on Ole as having entered service from the state of Wisconsin. It is nearly impossible without more information, to guess what other state he could

have enlisted from. His granddaughter, Mrs. Marion Ahnmark, doesn't recall ever having heard that he served in the Civil War, though she said she wouldn't have doubted it. Another granddaughter, Myrtle Nivella, does recall hearing that Ole had served in the Civil War, and some years ago Inga Renz mentioned to her son Bob and his wife Ruth that Ole had been a Civil War Veteran. Both Mrs. Ahnmark and Mrs. Nivella remember that their mother, Christinia, told stories of how Ole had travelled across country by covered wagon and of having to fight Indians along the way. So it appears that Ole's arrival in Wisconsin was no easy journey either.



We assume that Andreas and Berit laid claim on land almost immediately. There is proof of a land grant, dated Nov. 3, 1876 and signed by U.S. Grant. Farming then consisted of oats, wheat, tobacco, etc. This farm was located in section 9 of Hale Township. An adjoining parcel of land, on an 1877 map shows that Svend owned land in section 10, and Ole in section 4, also in Hale Township. So their

roots were firmly planted in Wisconsin.

A little less than a year later, Svend was married to Rikka Olsdatter, daughter of Ole Olsen and Telene Larsdatter, who, like Svend and his family, had emigrated from Norway. Rikka's family had come to America in 1871.

The date and location of Ole's marriage to Ingeborg still haven't been learned but the census records of 1880 place them in Hale Township, and from that we can guess that they were probably married in 1867-68. The census lists them as follows:

Ole Brandigen - Male age 43  
Wife Ingeborg - Female age 36  
Syver - Male age 11  
Christinia - Female age 9  
Lena - Female age 8  
Thomas - Male age 6  
Maria - Female age 3

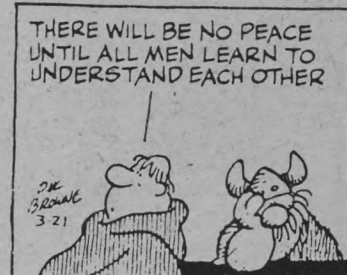
According to other sources two more children were born to Ole and Ingeborg after the 1880 census. They were Adolph, born in 1884, and Sophia born even later. Lena and Christinia are buried in Duluth, and Sophia is buried in California. The rest of this family are buried in the West Beef River Cemetery at Strum.

At the last reunion, August 1977, I still hadn't located the place of birth of my grandmother Inga, Siri's youngest daughter. That information was finally located. Her birth was recorded by C.J. Helsem, Clergyman, Strum, Wis., the 1st day of Nov. 1885. She was born in Drammen Township, Eau Claire Co. and her name was recorded as Inga Severine (not Silvia as we thought). Her father was Iver Amunsen and her mother Siri. I am still searching for the birth and death records of her brothers and sisters.

So-----the story really doesn't end here. There is still more to discover, more generations to be born and older generations to go to rest, and all to be recorded in their proper place in this family.

In conclusion, wise words from one of my favorite Norwegians:

## HAGAR THE HORRIBLE by Dik Browne



This concludes Mrs. Thompson's story to date, and we would like to repeat that copies of "Store Troen" are available from her at a cost of \$5.00 American postpaid, and that she also has the complete ship's list which she would be pleased to search at no cost. Her address is: Mrs. H.J. Thompson, Rt. No. 6, Box 34, Brainerd, Minnesota. 56401.



It was a real stage coach, two teams. An old man showed me some time ago where the pig Parker House stood, in Bracket and the barn still stands where the Coon Brothers had their horses."

I thought it might be interesting to know what the Wisconsin State Historical Society had on stage lines and if they had a photo of the Parker House. As it turned out I already had more information on the subject than they did. So I sent them a map.

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